

**Proclamation 7624—National
Employer Support of the Guard and
Reserve Week, 2002**

November 8, 2002

*By the President of the United States
of America*

A Proclamation

Our National Guard and Reserve units comprise 38 percent of America's military forces, and we are grateful for the commitment of these brave men and women. During National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week, we pay tribute to those serving our Nation in the National Guard and Reserve, and to the civilian employers whose continued support enables our Reserve component soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen to defend our country with honor and distinction.

Through their service, National Guard and Reserve personnel play an important role in our efforts to advance democracy, peace, and freedom across our Nation and around the world. These dedicated men and women train vigorously and work closely with our active-duty forces, serving as equal partners in our integrated Armed Forces. As our need for their efforts expands, these citizen-soldiers will spend more time away from their families, homes, and workplaces protecting our Nation and the ideals that make us strong.

As we face new challenges and welcome new opportunities, the continued support of patriotic employers remains vital to the success of our National Guard and Reserve. Our volunteer National Guardsmen and Reservists rely on their employers for essential support and encouragement that often come at the employer's expense. These employers reflect the spirit of our Nation, and during this week I join with members of our Armed Forces and all our citizens in recognizing those who serve in our National Guard and Reserve and all who support them, and all Americans whose contributions and sacrifices help our military remain the finest fighting force in the world.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by

the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 10 through November 16, 2002, as National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week. I encourage all Americans to join me in expressing our heartfelt thanks to the civilian employers of the members of our National Guard and Reserve for their extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of our Nation. I also call upon State and local officials, private organizations, businesses, and all military commanders to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on November 13.

**Digest of Other
White House Announcements**

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

November 2

In the morning, the President traveled to Blountville, TN, and then to Atlanta, GA. In the afternoon, he traveled to Savannah, GA, and then to Tampa, FL.

November 3

In the morning, the President traveled to Springfield, IL. In the afternoon, he traveled to St. Paul, MN, and then to Sioux Falls, SD, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Cedar Rapids, IA.

November 4

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings. He also had a telephone conversation with President Vicente Fox of Mexico to discuss the proposed United Nations Security Council resolution on Iraq.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to St. Louis, MO. In the afternoon, they traveled to Bentonville, AR, and then to Dallas, TX. In the evening, they traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

November 5

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President had telephone conversations with candidates involved in the day's national and State elections.

In the evening, in the White House Residence, the President and Mrs. Bush had dinner and watched election returns with Republican leaders, including Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert, Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, Representative Tom Davis of Virginia, Senator Bill Frist of Tennessee, and Republican National Committee chairman Marc Racicot, and their spouses.

Also in the evening, the President had telephone conversations with candidates involved in the day's elections, including Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida, whom he congratulated on his projected reelection. He also had telephone conversations with Vice President Dick Cheney and Senior Advisor to the President Karl Rove.

November 6

In the morning, the President had telephone conversations with candidates involved in the previous day's elections, including Democrat Senator-elect Mark Pryor of Arkansas.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on October 24 and continuing.

November 7

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir

Putin of Russia to discuss the proposed U.N. Security Council resolution on Iraq. He also met with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other members of the National Security Council.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

The President announced his intention to nominate Karen Johnson to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Legislation and Congressional Affairs.

November 8

In the morning, the President had intelligence briefings. He also had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder of Germany, and separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada and Prime Minister John Howard of Australia to discuss the proposed U.N. Security Council resolution on Iraq, and other bilateral issues.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert and Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott to discuss the legislative agenda. Later, he met with Prime Minister Peter Medgyessy of Hungary. He then traveled to Camp David, MD.

The President announced his intention to designate Cornelius Williams Ruth to be U.S. Representative and Chairman of the Rio Grande Compact Commission for Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Thomas C. Foley, Brenda LaGrange Johnson, James A. Johnson, and Marlene A. Malek.

The President announced his intention to appoint Frank E. Fowler II and Margaret Robson as members of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mary Elizabeth Child and Torrey Westrom as members of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel.

The President announced his intention to appoint Andrew Ly Thanh Buhr as a member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released November 2

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2215, H.R. 4967, H.R. 5542, and H.R. 5596

Released November 3

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released November 4

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released November 5

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2245, H.R. 2733, and H.R. 3656

Released November 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Texas

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 4013, H.R. 4014, H.R. 5200, H.R. 5308, H.R. 5333, H.R. 5336, and H.R. 5340

Released November 7

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3253, H.R. 4015, H.R. 5205, and H.R. 5574

Transcript of remarks by Mrs. Laura Bush in a telephone conversation with Ms. Effie Hobby, a Connecticut resident who has voted in every election since 1920, when women gained voting rights

Acts Approved by the President

Approved November 2

H.R. 2215 / Public Law 107-273
21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act

H.R. 4967 / Public Law 107-274
Border Commuter Student Act of 2002

H.R. 5542 / Public Law 107-275
Black Lung Consolidation of Administrative Responsibility Act

H.R. 5596 / Public Law 107-276
To amend section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate notification and return requirements for State and local party committees and candidate committees and avoid duplicate reporting by certain State and local political committees of information required to be reported and made publicly available under State law, and for other purposes

Approved November 5

H.R. 2733 / Public Law 107-277
Enterprise Integration Act of 2002

H.R. 3656 / Public Law 107-278
To amend the International Organizations Immunities Act to provide for the applicability of that Act to the European Central Bank